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CAA MEETING

The Council on Academic Affairs met Thursday, approving all six items on the agenda.

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Men's basketball coach Jay Spoonhour's contract was not renewed by the athletic department Thursday.

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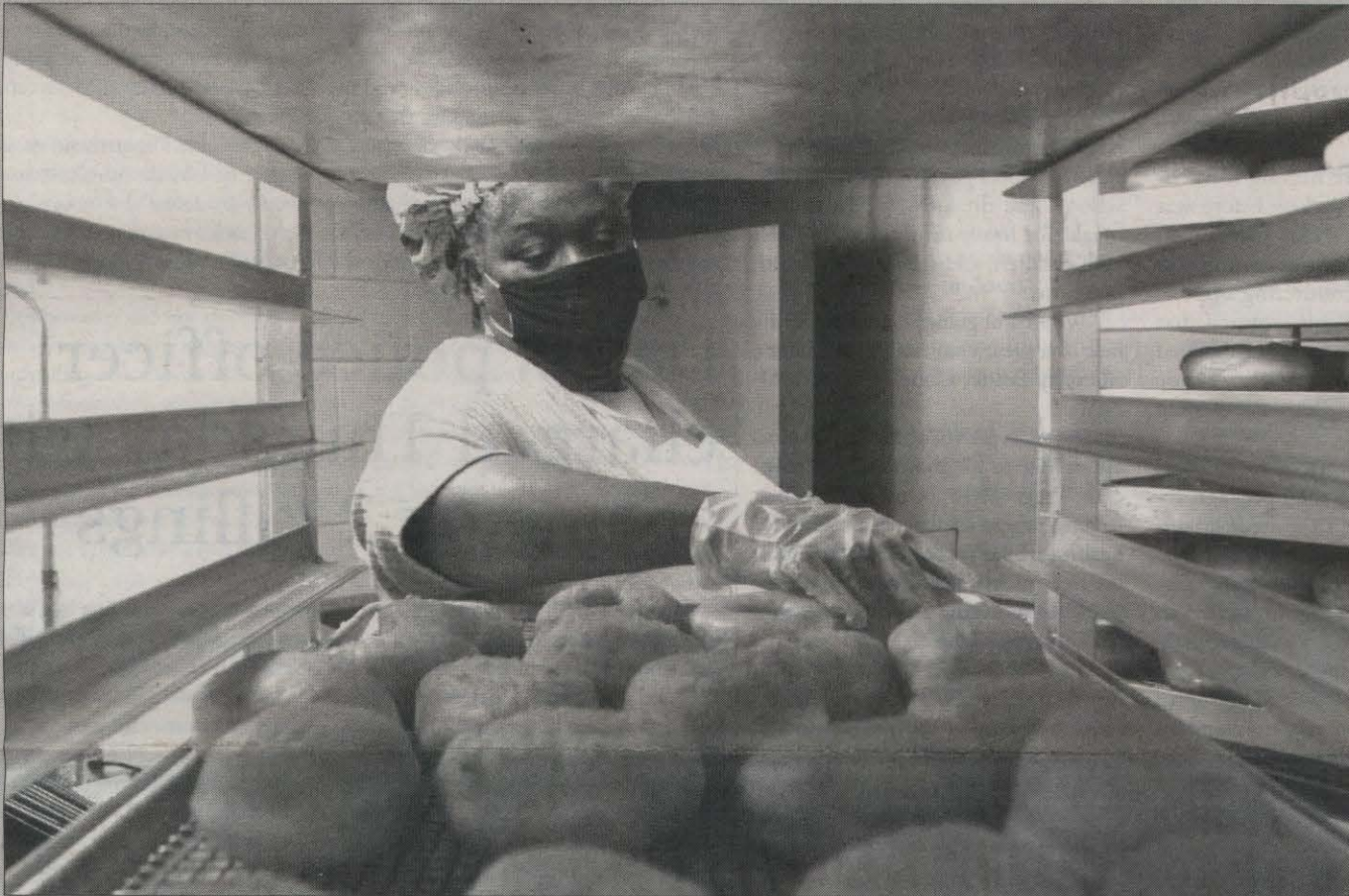
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Making donuts



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Marschelle McCoy, the office manager at the biological sciences department and owner of Revival City Doughnuts, makes doughnuts Friday morning at Revival City Doughnuts. She said she loves making people happy with her food. McCoy said that their motto is, "we make 100 percent awesome doughnuts."

Eastern responds to email misstep

By Corryn Brock
News Editor | @corryn_brock

Eastern says the email sent by a director Wednesday afternoon that contained the personal information of over 1,400 students was sent to approximately 399 students.

Of Eastern's student population, not including high school dual enrollment students, 33.9% of students had their information included in the email. Nine percent of the student body received the information.

The email contained a file with the P.I.I., personally identifiable information, of freshman, sophomores and juniors. All information included in the file was the GPA, ethnicity, TRIO identification information, E number, name, major, email address, major and the students' status upon enrolling at Eastern.

The name of the document was "Copy of Mentor List," suggesting that the information was involved with the subject of the general email regarding a peer mentoring program out of the Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement.

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EIU Pride seeking assistance for naming push

By Corryn Brock
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Eastern's LGBTQIA+ RSO is seeking the assistance of alumni and current members in the group's battle to name the floor designated as gender inclusive housing.

EIU Pride is currently asking the university to name the space after former Eastern professor Doug DiBianco.

DiBianco taught for 32 years but also founded the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union that later became EIU Pride.

According to Sam Hennegan, Pride President and junior English major, his contribution means a lot to the LGBTQIA+ community on campus.

"He was a person who provided a space for the LGBTQ community when we were not allowed on campus because EIU was not always accessible to our community."

Hennegan expressed gratitude for the space the community was given, but share it was important to them that the space was given DiBianco's name because of his work as an ally to the community and his dedication to creating a space for LGBTQIA+ students on Eastern's campus.

University President David Glassman and Vice President of University Advancement, said at an RSO meeting Monday the naming process is not as simple as selecting a name significant to EIU Pride.

The men explained that while in the past it was common practice to name buildings after established members of the university community, now university naming strongly follows in the footsteps of philanthropy and donations to the university.

They explained this is now commonplace at uni-

"This is an inclusive community designed to create a comfortable and supportive environment for all students of all gender and sexual identities."

-Sam Hennegan, junior

versities around the country.

Specifically for Eastern however, the university naming policy follows six guidelines for naming spaces on campus:

1. Personal, place, or functional names may be recommended for facilities.
2. The recommended name shall be logical in terms of the function of the facility.
3. The recommended name shall have some significance to and meaning for constituencies served by the facility and/or significance to and meaning for the University as a whole.
4. The recommended name shall be consistent with the guidelines provided in the Board of Trustees Regulations cited above.
5. There shall be a relationship between the magnitude of the contribution of that person to the University and the facility—i.e., major building names should be reserved for those individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement and welfare of the institution.
6. At least two years shall pass after the employee's termination of regular employment, retirement, or death before consideration is given to naming a facility for that individual.

EIU Pride shared that the majority of the group believes university should consider DiBianco's time

spent working for the university and his service to LGBTQIA+ students should be considered a philanthropic gift.

Now, in a message to former and current EIU Pride members, Hennegan is asking for their support to push for the new space to be named after DiBianco.

They explained what the space was and what it means to the current students. Hennegan also explained why the name was so important to the current EIU Pride membership.

"This is an inclusive community designed to create a comfortable and supportive environment for all students of all gender and sexual identities. We are excited to have this community, however, we also see a problem with naming it something related to the GSD community to keep closeted students safe," Hennegan said. "We would like to name it the Doug DiBianco community."

"There is no better person to name this living-learning community after than the person that started all of this for us."

Hennegan said in the Facebook posting to alumni that Glassman gave the RSO two reasons for why the floor could not be named after DiBianco, tradition and monetary donation.

They responded by saying:

"Tradition: EIU's mission statement says that they are 'committed to diversity and inclusion.' So it is tradition that they are inclusive yet are deciding if they will let us, a minority group name our own community. EIU also believes themselves to try and be progressive yet they talked about not trying to break tradition."

Monetary Donation: Glassman thinks only wealthy donors deserve a name dedication, in the Internal Governing Policies #148-Naming, it states, "There shall be a relationship between the magnitude of the contribution of that person to the University and the facility" Which is ignoring Doug DiBianco's decades of devoted work for EIU's music department and queer students that led to the creation of Pride. When asked what the cost would be President Glassman never gave an answer. So, we cannot even begin to inquire about fundraising through Dr. Wetstein."

Hennegan concluded their message to ask for alumni and current members to email Glassman to name the community's space after DiBianco, intending for the name to follow the group as it grows and evolves into other living areas on campus.

The floor will open next Fall in McKinney Hall. It is intended to house primarily LGBTQIA+ students as well as allies of the community.

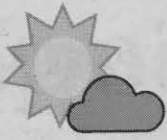
According to Eastern's Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity, "Programming will be focused on LGBTQIA+ identities and a strong relationship with the GSD Center means that you have extra people in your corner. We hope that this floor provides a space for students to live without having to justify their identity!"

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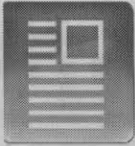


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By slimmest of margins, Senate takes up \$1.9T virus relief bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted by the slimmest of margins Thursday to begin debating a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill, after Democrats made eleventh-hour changes aimed at ensuring they could pull President Joe Biden's top legislative priority through the precariously divided chamber.

Democrats were hoping for Senate approval of the package before next week, in time for the House to sign off and get the measure to Biden quickly. They were encountering opposition from Republicans arguing that the measure's massive price tag ignored promising signs that the pandemic and wounded economy were turning around.

Democratic leaders made over a dozen late additions to their package, reflecting their need to cement unanimous support from all their senators — plus Vice President Kamala Harris' tie-breaking vote — to succeed in the 50-50 chamber. It's widely expected the Senate will approve the bill and the House will whisk it to Biden for his signature by mid-March, handing him a crucial early legislative victory.

The Senate's 51-50 vote to start debating the package, with Harris pushing Democrats over the top, underscored how they were navigating the

package through Congress with virtually no margin for error. In the House their majority is a scrawny 10 votes.

The bill, aimed at battling the killer virus and nursing the staggered economy back to health, will provide direct payments of up to \$1,400 to most Americans. There's also money for COVID-19 vaccines and testing, aid to state and local governments, help for schools and the airline industry, tax breaks for lower-earners and families with children, and subsidies for health insurance.

"We are not going to be timid in the face of a great challenge," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

The new provisions offered items appealing to all manner of Democrats. Progressives got money boosting feeding programs, federal subsidies for health care for workers who lose jobs, tax-free student loans, and money for public broadcasting and consumer protection investigations.

Moderates won funds for rural health care, language assuring minimum amounts of money for smaller states and a prohibition on states receiving aid using the windfalls to cut taxes. And for everyone, there was money for infrastructure, cultural venues, start-up companies and afterschool programs.

US demands Myanmar release detained journalists, protesters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration stepped up its condemnation of the coup in Myanmar on Thursday, demanding that military authorities stop their brutal crackdown on pro-democracy protesters and release demonstrators and journalists who have been detained.

The White House called the situation, including the arrest of an Associated Press journalist, "troubling" and of "great concern." The State Department said it's working with other countries to send a unified message to the military that its actions are unacceptable and will be met with consequences.

The U.S. has already imposed sanctions on Myanmar's top military leaders since the Feb. 1 coup, but stepped

up pressure after security forces killed as many as 38 people on Wednesday. The administration says it's in close touch with partners and allies, as well as with countries like China, to try to convince Myanmar officials to ease their heavy-handed response to the protests.

"The detainment of journalists, the targeting of journalists and dissidents is certainly something that is of great concern to the president, to the secretary of state and to every member of our administration," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

At the State Department, spokesman Ned Price said the administration was "deeply saddened" by reports of deaths in the crackdown on protests. "It is unacceptable."

Dallas police officer charged Thursday with arranging 2 killings

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer was arrested Thursday on two counts of capital murder, more than a year and a half after a man told investigators that he kidnapped and killed two people at the officer's instruction in 2017, authorities said.

Bryan Riser, a 13-year veteran of the force, was arrested Thursday morning and taken to the Dallas County jail

for processing, according to a statement from the police department. Jail records show Riser is held without bond pending an appearance before a judge, but do not list an attorney for him.

Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia did not explain why Riser was arrested nearly 20 months after the witness came forward, and police declined to answer subsequent questions about the timing.

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CAA approves 6 items in Thursday meeting

By Adam Tumino
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The Council on Academic Affairs met Thursday afternoon to vote on six action items. All of the items were approved by the council.

The first item, presented by chair of the music department Shellie Gregorich, was a change to the music major that would specify ensemble requirements for students. Currently, every possible ensemble is listed on degree audits which Gregorich said makes things more complicated for students.

The second item, also presented by Gregorich, was a proposal for a new class in the music department. The course is MUS 4156 Advanced Band Repertoire and Score Study, and the rationale for the proposal read:

"This course draws on experiences and skills students gained in music theory, music history, instrumental conducting and literature, instrumental methods, and performing ensembles. It provides aspiring band directors an opportunity to assimilate, reframe, and apply concepts and procedures learned in these classes to their primary teaching medium -- the band."

The next two proposals on the agenda were actually heard last. They were presented by CAA Chair Claudia Jansen Danyi, and they were moved so the council's guest presenter would not have to wait longer.

That guest presenter was psychology professor Anne Walk, and she read two proposals to the council.

The first was a new course, PSY 3905 Neuroscience Research Methods. The course description said the course would be an "Examination of research methodology in neuroscience with emphasis on general experimental principles and re-

search techniques that are specific to the study of brain."

The second proposal read by Walk was a change to the major to make PSY 3905 the required research methods course for neuroscience majors and adjust the credit hours of the program to accommodate the course.

Danyi read her two proposals to close out the meeting.

The first was the introduction of a capstone course for the public relations program, CMN 4460 Public Relations Capstone. The capstone will allow students to build a professional portfolio, among oth-

er things.

The final proposal was a change to the public relations major to include the capstone course and to give students the opportunity to pursue a more specialized area within public relations. This would be achieved by letting students participate in elective clusters from other departments, such as student taking law classes if they are interested in legal public relations.

The next meeting for CAA will be held on March 11 at 2 p.m.

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According to Eastern's Vice President of Academic Affairs Jay Gattrell, once the problem was realized Eastern's ITS went in to students' emails and extracted unopened emails associated with the attachment. An email was then sent to tell potential recipients the email was an error, should not be opened, and also should be deleted.

This however did not stop those students who received the information from downloading the attachment and sharing the information within it with their peers.

According to some students on campus, as news of the attachment spread, so did the information it contained.

"I'm not sure I have a specific piece of advice on that or how to possibly control that, that's going to be out of (student's hands) and out of our hands at this point and that is very unfortunate to hear that that has happened," Bennington said.

Those students who would like to take some action against university regarding the matter are afforded the right to do so under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Subpart E, 99.63 of FERPA explains that those seeking to file a complaint against Eastern can do so by submitting a written complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office,
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.
Washington, DC 20202.

Bennington said this issue was not a misunderstanding of guidelines and Eastern will not be changing its guidelines going forward, rather it was an accident.

Bennington said the director who sent the email had and was given access to the information as standard protocol and did not obtain the information without Eastern's consent, according to Bennington. She uses student information in her day-to-day work.

Mona Davenport, executive director of the Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement, was the Eastern director who sent the message. She agreed with Bennington when she explained what led to the email being sent.

"My office was sending out e-mails to a select group of students to apply for our Panther Peer Mentoring Positions (our EIU Mentor programs serving Freshmen Connection, LEAP, TRIO, Focus and/or iSTEM to mentor our new incoming freshmen students). We sent out (8) blind copied e-mails and one of the e-mails -- unfortunately had the attachments that was inadvertently attached," Davenport said.

After it was realized that one group of the email recipients received the attachment, ITS was contact. ITS then removed the emails from all student inboxes, according to Davenport.

"Once we realized the mistake, we contacted ITS and they took steps to extract ALL the emails from student's boxes, we sent an e-mail to the students from the group that received the attachment,

and we then sent an e-mail to the students on the Excel to (explain) the situation," Davenport said.

Bennington said the email will serve as a lesson.

"Obviously this is a teachable moment for the person involved," Bennington said.

Davenport said she understood the gravity of the situation.

"I do not take this lightly and certainly wish no harm to any student. As mentioned by Dr. Glassman, we are reviewing what occurred and will take steps to prevent similar accidents in the future."

University President David Glassman sent an email to the students whose names and information could be seen in the document. It explained the situation and what the university did and did to fix the mistake.

The email said that though the information was confidential and protected by FERPA, the information was not considered high-risk for identity theft.

"EIU takes this and any other data breaches extremely seriously. We will con-

tinue to work behind the scenes to mitigate any further disclosure of this information, and continue to work on improving our systems to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future," Glassman said in the email.

He also referred students who had questions or concerns about the incident to Bennington. His contact information is bbennington@eiu.edu and 581-3511.

Glassman said the accident will be used to help in the future.

"The accident is being reviewed and we will assess how the error occurred and continue to work on improving our systems to prevent similar accidents in the future," Glassman said.

Gattrell and Laura McLaughlin, Eastern's General Counsel, referred all questions about the email to Bennington Thursday.

Public Information Coordinator Josh Reinhart said the university will not be writing a press releasing on the matter.

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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Using the private information that was shared in mass email is wrong

It is important that students do not take advantage of the recent mass email that shared the personal information of many students.

While it may be tempting to use that information to learn how your peers shape up against you in their GPAs or to look into their other personal information, take a step back to think about what you are doing by using that information for your personal advantage.

That information is private and protected for a reason. No student who for some reason gains access to others GPA should use that information in any way.

It can turn into an unhealthy and unnecessarily competitive race between peers. Not only does it make it an awkward and uncomfortable environment to learn in, it is also unfair of any student to look up that information of another student for their own advantage.

tage.

Even as a joke among friends, it may not be as funny as you think.

Some students may be embarrassed by their GPA, scared of others judging them for it or may just not want you to know it. All of those are completely valid reasons for everyone to mind their own business regarding the email.

What may seem like a bad GPA to you may be a major accomplishment to the person it belongs to. Put yourself in their shoes.

Some students may also not want to know their GPA for other reasons. They may be feeling anxious about classes and not want to have the added pressure of knowing their GPA.

Would you enjoy having someone search through your private information, whether as a joke or to be nosey?

COLUMN

Society's unfair standards for body image cause harm

According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, 28.8 million Americans will suffer from an eating disorder at some point in their lifetime. They also found that eating disorders are some of the deadliest mental illnesses next to opioid overdoses.

Many people who struggle with body image issues or an eating disorder also struggle with the stigmas that come with it. Sayings similar to "just eat" or "it's all in your head" are only a couple of the stigmas that people who suffer from EDs, or eating disorders, have to face. That doesn't even include the feelings of shame and disgust that come with having an ED.

A huge part of why eating disorders are so prevalent is society's image of the "perfect body." For women, it seems like our bodies are just objects. For example, from the 1960s-2000s being extremely thin and long-legged was the perfect body type for women. Now, the hourglass figure seems to be the most popular body type for women. These standards are forced on us through social media.



Gillian Eubanks

Of course, there are women who naturally have these body types, but not every woman is built that way. And I am not a hater on plastic surgery because it's really no one's business who does what with their body.

What I will say though, is that society's image of a "perfect body" hurts and even kills people. People are seeing what is deemed as attractive by society, and seeing that they don't match that image, so they attempt everything within their ability to fit that image. This can possibly lead to depression, an eating disorder, low self-esteem and even suicide.

There is nothing wrong with eating healthy or regularly exercising for

the betterment of one's health. But there is something toxic with doing these things to achieve a "perfect" body.

Perfection doesn't exist and beauty looks different to everyone. We are made the way we are for a reason. It is okay to have a belly, a small waist, large thighs, small thighs or hip dips. It is okay because these things do not define you. We are far more than our bodies. We have to find a way to love ourselves and embrace who we are even if it doesn't fit society's terms.

We also have to express gratitude towards ourselves. Gratitude towards our legs for taking us all the places we've been, gratitude towards our hands for holding our loved ones' hands, or gratitude towards our mouths for tasting all the wonderful food we have tasted.

It's not easy, but working towards loving yourself today gets you one day closer to loving yourself than you were yesterday.

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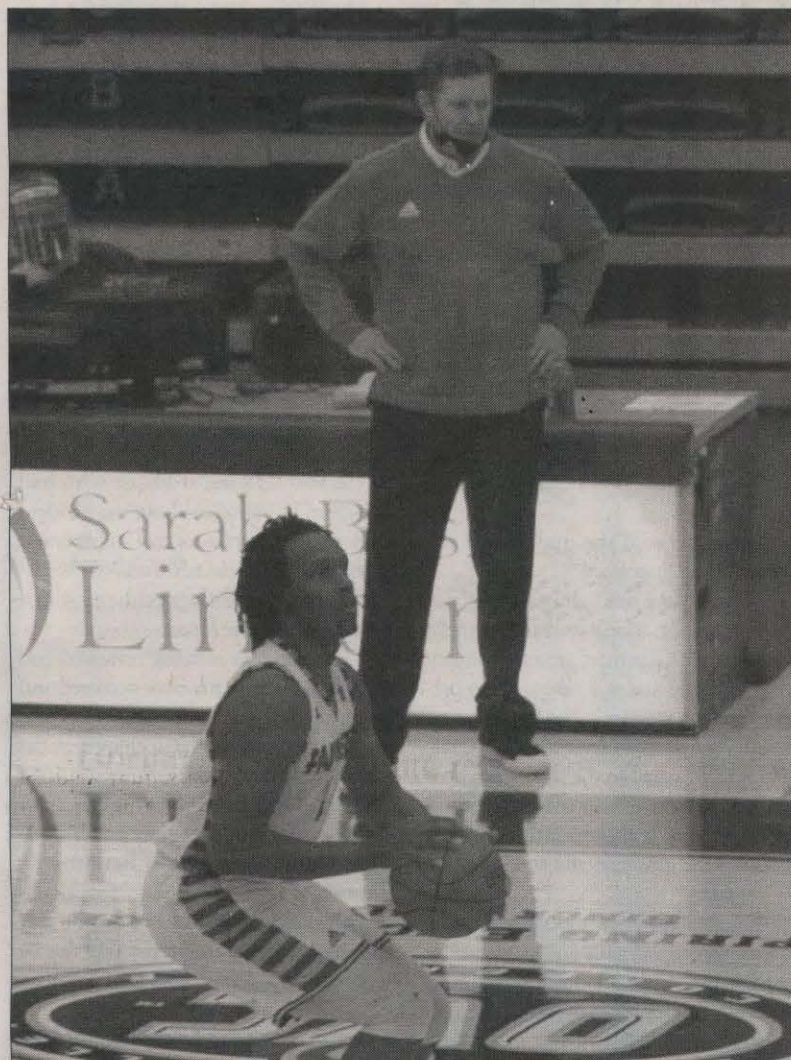
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Spoonhour out as head coach after 9 seasons with Panthers



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Eastern head coach Jay Spoonhour looks on as senior guard Mack Smith lines up a three-pointer in a game against Southeast Missouri Feb. 25.

By Adam Tumino
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Jay Spoonhour is no longer the head coach of the Eastern men's basketball team after his contract was not renewed by the athletic department Thursday.

Spoonhour spent the last nine seasons with the program, leading the Panthers to 119 wins and seven appearances in the OVC Tournament.

He was the 14th head coach in program history and ranks sixth among those coaches in wins.

He was also the longest-tenured coach in the OVC.

In a statement released by the athletic department Thursday, Eastern athletic director Tom Michael said that it was not an easy decision to move on from Spoonhour.

"These decisions are never easy to make, especially with a person like Coach Spoonhour," Michael said. "We felt that it was time to take the program in a new direction under different leadership. We wish Jay and his family nothing but the best."

Spoonhour declined to comment on his departure.

The Panthers struggled in Spoonhour's final season, going 9-18 overall and 6-10 in the OVC, finishing in 10th place in the conference and missing the conference tournament.

The team dealt with injuries throughout the season and was often shorthanded due to players missing time because of COVID-19 protocols.

The Panthers were still in position to make the tournament if they had won their final two games of the regular season, but a loss to Southeast Missouri on Feb. 25 dashed their postseason hopes.

Spoonhour's best season as head coach of the Panthers came in 2014-15.

Eastern went 18-15 overall and 9-7 in conference. After losing in the second round of the OVC Tournament, the Panthers were invited to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament, also known as the CIT.

The Panthers fell in the second round of the CIT, but their win against Oakland in the opening round remains the only postseason win for the program as a Division I team.

Spoonhour's departure from Eastern creates even more change for a program that will be graduating eight players this spring, which was more than half of their roster this past season.

A nationwide search is now underway for Spoonhour's replacement.

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Men's soccer team loses home opener 3-1 Thursday

Staff Report | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern men's soccer team played its home opener Thursday against Kansas City at Lakeside Field.

The Panthers lost 3-1, falling to 0-4-1 on the season and 0-3-1 in conference play.

The Roos jumped ahead early, scoring goals in the 10th minute and 12th minute.

Eastern pulled within one in the 21st minute on a goal from redshirt-junior forward Reed Axthelm, his second this season, on an assist from junior midfielder Alejandro Lurbe, his first of the season.

Redshirt-junior goalkeeper Jonathan Burke had 8 saves in the match, making it his third-straight match with 8 or more saves.

As a team, Eastern recorded 12 shots, five of which were on goal.

Kansas City had 12 shots in the first half alone, but was held to 5 shots in the second half. Twelve of their 17 shots in the match were on goal.

Eastern plays Kansas City again Saturday at Lakeside Field. The match is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

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Football team to play Skyhawks Sunday afternoon

By Adam Tumino
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The Eastern football will be on the road Sunday afternoon when they play Tennessee-Martin, a game that was originally slated to be the season opener for both teams before it was rescheduled due to winter weather.

Both teams are coming off a loss with the Skyhawks having dropped their opener against Murray State 14-10 and Eastern being blown out 47-7 by Southeast Missouri.

In Eastern's loss Sunday, senior quarterback Harry Woodbery struggled, going 10-of-26 passing for 101 yards and 2 interceptions.

The Panthers were more successful on the ground, rushing for 147 yards as a team.

Freshman Kendi Young had a strong outing in his first career game, recording 88 yards on 11 carries, including a 72-yard touchdown run.

The Panther defense was led by redshirt-senior safety Raymond Crittenden and sophomore linebacker Anthony Shockey. Both players had nine tackles in the game, including 2 tackles for loss from Shockey and 1.5 from Crittenden.

Tennessee-Martin's offense was not very productive in their loss to Murray State. John Bachus was 13-for-26 passing for just 81 yards and 2 interceptions.

Like Eastern, the Skyhawks were more productive running the ball. They ran for 110 yards and a touchdown as a team, with senior running back Peyton Logan accounting for 91 of those yards.



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Eastern quarterback Harry Woodbery attempts to lob a pass over a leaping defender to wide receiver DeWayne Cooks Jr. in the Panthers 47-7 loss against Southeast Missouri Feb. 28. Cooks had 5 catches for 62 yards in the game.

On defense, the Skyhawks were led in their opener by senior safety JaQuez Akins with 6 tackles, including 2 tackles for loss and a forced fumble, and redshirt-sophomore defensive lineman Kameron Bowdry with 4 tackles and a sack.

This will be 26th time these programs have played each other. Eastern currently leads the all-time series

15-10, but Tennessee-Martin has won seven of the last 10 matchups.

Tennessee-Martin hosted Eastern last season as well, beating the Panthers 27-18.

Woodbery had a busy game, completing 26-of-50 passes for 287 yards and a touchdown. He also threw 3 interceptions, one of which was a pick-six.

Isaiah Hill caught 15 passes for 157 yards and a touchdown.

Crittenden scored Eastern's other touchdown on a 51-yard fumble return.

For the Skyhawks, Bachus completed just 8 passes on 20 attempts, but two of his passes went for touchdowns.

The Skyhawks also ran for 175

yards as a team.

Tennessee-Martin finished last season with a 6-2 conference record while Eastern finished 1-7 against the OVC.

The game Sunday is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m.

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